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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION

SUBJECT: Activation of a Planners' Panel for a One-Week Period to Complete a Task Assignment for PSB

1. As you are aware, the PSB has created several Task Panels composed of representatives from the various Governmental departments and agencies. In creating these panels, Mr. [redacted] memorandum visualized that the members will informally tap the information and skills of their departments, while remaining personally responsible for the production of work allotted.

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2. [redacted], CPL, was assigned a mission on 30 August to complete in 30 days an inventory of cold war weapons, an estimate of their relative value, a description of their use, and an appraisal of strong and weak points and coordination.

3. This is a large order, and to date the Planning section has not advanced beyond the sparring stage with this problem. It is evident that the diversified experience and knowledge of more people is required to at least meet the basic requirement of a preliminary paper by 30 September.

4. I would appreciate your authority to create a Planners' Panel for one week — by calling upon the FY Division to designate several specialists and the Area Line Divisions, one representative each — to devote half a day each day for the week 24 September to 30 September on this project. I believe this half-day plan will not be too disruptive of their current responsibilities within their Area Branches, and at the same time will present a realistic manner of coming to grips with this problem.

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